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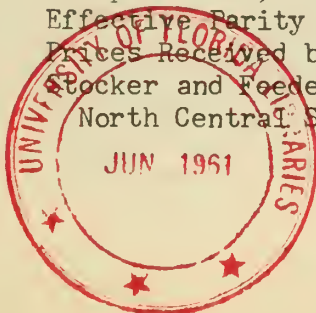
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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Prices were steady to 50¢ lower on slaughter steers and heifers under the influence of lower dressed prices and fairly liberal marketings. Slaughter cows sold steady to 50¢ lower. Stocker and feeder prices were uneven but in general were steady to \$1.00 lower. Barrows and gilts closed 25-75¢ lower. The week's trend on slaughter lambs was \$1.00-2.00 lower at most points.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Slaughter steer prices declined for the fourth consecutive week at midwest terminals and reached the lowest levels in nearly four years at some points. Slaughter steers were steady to 50¢ lower with declines of 25-50¢ recorded at most terminals and St. Joseph showing a 25-75¢ decline on steers, heifers and cows. Slaughter heifers and cows sold steady to 50¢ lower for the most part while bulls were steady. Vealers were steady at both St. Paul and St. Louis. The combined bearish influence of a lower trend in the carcass trade and increased receipts prompted the price downturn on live cattle. Salable cattle receipts at the 12 markets totaled 222,000, or 7 percent above the previous week and the largest for any week since January. Slaughter steers and heifers made up the bulk of the supply at most points with Good and Choice predominating. Loadlots high-Choice and mixed Choice and Prime steers and heifers were in small supply at most terminals.

Ten loads Prime 1200-1300# slaughter steers brought \$27.75 at Chicago where bulk of the Prime and mixed Choice and Prime 1050-1450# steers sold from \$25.50-27.50. A few high-Choice and Prime steers brought \$25.00-26.65 at other points with bulk of the high-Good and Choice 900-1350# at \$22.50-25.25. A few loads Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 1400-1700# steers sold at \$22.50-26.00 with Prime 1430# to \$27.25 in Chicago. Good steers sold at \$21.50-23.50. High-Choice and mixed Choice and Prime slaughter heifers cashed at \$24.00-25.25 with most Choice from \$23.00-24.25 and Good at \$21.00-23.25. Utility and Commercial cows sold at \$15.75-17.50; Cannery and Cutters \$13.75-16.50.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Seasonally moderate receipts of stocker and feeder cattle and calves at terminal markets found an uneven demand with decided differences in price trends from one market to another. This reflected the conflicting factors currently in play. On the one hand, there was the usual springtime demand for cattle to place on pasture and along with this the need for stock to utilize abundant stockpiles of dry feeds. However, demand for both stocker and feeder cattle was tempered by the continued

downward trend in slaughter cattle prices and the knowledge of above normal numbers of cattle already on feed. In addition the press of field work cut down the attendance of buyers at some markets. At Sioux City prices were 50¢ to \$1.00 lower while at Kansas City moderate weakness during the fore part of the week was followed by strong to \$1.00 higher prices at a late week auction. At other midwest centers prices ranged from steady to \$1.00 lower. At Fort Worth prices were 50¢ to \$1.50 lower. In contrast, trading at Denver was on a strong to 25¢ higher basis, instances 50¢ up.

Scattered shipments Choice 525-575# stock steers brought \$28.00-29.00; other Good and Choice 525-750# \$23.50-27.50. Medium and low-Good stock steers sold from \$19.00-24.00. Good and Choice 800-1050# feeders sold chiefly from \$21.50-24.00 but at Kansas City 2' loads Choice and Fancy 829-834# brought \$25.30-26.50 and a part load Fancy 955# \$25.25. Good and Choice yearling heifers cashed from \$21.00-25.00, few Choice 515-545# \$25.50-26.00. Good and Choice steer calves sold largely from \$25.00-30.50, same grades heifer calves \$23.00-28.00.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - Marketings of hogs at the twelve terminals numbered 354,000, 17 percent more than the previous week and were the largest for any week since early January. Bulk of the supply was comprised of mixed No. 1-3 200-270# barrows and gilts. A large percentage of the hogs marketed at St. Joseph weighed over 250# and the average weight of butchers there at 241# figured the heaviest since January, 1955. Sows made up 6-13 percent of the receipts at the various centers. The increased supplies proved to be more than ample for the demand and prices moved lower during the week in direct response to the slow and lower wholesale meat trade. Barrows and gilts finished the week 25-75¢ lower with weights over 240# off most. A downturn of 50¢-\$1.00 at Chicago was the sharpest break there for any week since last October. Sows suffered the greatest price loss in several months, that class closing 50¢-\$1.00 lower. Order buyers were fairly aggressive operators during most of the week taking 24 percent of the Omaha receipts and about 32 percent of the supply at Kansas City.

At the close of the week U. S. 1-2, 180-240# barrows and gilts brought \$16.60-17.50, with most sales at \$16.75-17.25. Mixed U. S. 1-3, and No. 2-3, 180-250# sold at \$16.00-17.00, bulk \$16.25-16.75. Loadlots U. S. 2-3, 250-300# butchers sold during the week at \$15.50-16.50. U. S. 1-3, 270-600# sows brought \$13.50-15.75, mainly \$14.25-15.50.

Average cut-out value advantage of U. S. No. 1 over No. 3 live basis 200-220# barrows and gilts was 79¢ per cwt. based on wholesale carlot prices of fresh pork cuts at Chicago April 20 to April 26, 1961, inclusive.

Prices on feeder pigs declined 50¢ at St. Paul but remained fully steady at Sioux City. Good and Choice 130-160# offerings at St. Paul brought \$16.00-16.50 while same grades 130-170# at Sioux City sold at \$16.00-17.00.

HOGS - Receipts in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area totaled 332,000 head, around 2 percent less than the previous week and 2 percent over a year ago. Compared with the previous Friday, closing sales were mainly 25¢ lower on barrows and gilts and 25-50¢ off on sows. Sow numbers increased slightly to comprise about 7.5 percent of total receipts.

On Friday, mixed U. S. No. 1-3 200-230# barrows and gilts, sold from \$16.00-16.75, with limited volume No. 1-2 selected lots \$16.65-17.00. U. S. 1-3 270-400# sows brought \$14.25-15.90; 400-550# \$13.25-15.05.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Receipts of sheep and lambs at the 12 markets totaled 112,000 head or 9 percent more than the fairly broad volume marketed a week ago and 14 percent over last year. Sharp price downturns on slaughter lambs featured trading and at some terminals prices were at the lowest reporting levels in fifteen years. Lower dressed lamb prices combined with expanded slaughter lamb marketings were bearish factors contributing to downturns on the live trade. For the week, slaughter lambs were mostly \$1.00-2.00 lower, instances \$3.00 off. Slaughter ewes steady to \$1.00 lower; feeder and shearing lambs mainly \$1.00-2.00 off.

On late rounds, Choice, few Prime 90-111# woolled old crop slaughter lambs \$14.50-15.50, few shipments 81-105# \$16.00-17.00; Choice 110-125# \$12.00-15.00, shipment 133# \$11.00; Good and Choice 90-114# \$13.00-15.00. Choice with end of Prime 90-110# shorn old crop slaughter lambs most with No. 1 and 2 pelts brought \$13.25-14.50, limited volume 90-105# lambs \$15.00-15.50, bulk Choice 110-120# \$11.25-14.00, few 122-127# \$10.00-11.00. Good and Choice 92-110# shorn lambs \$12.00-14.00. Choice and Prime 80-104# spring slaughter lambs \$16.25-18.00, few \$18.50. At Fort Worth, Good and Choice 68-95# spring lambs \$16.00-16.50. Bulk Cull to Choice shorn slaughter ewes \$2.00-6.00.

Good and Choice 80-97# woolled feeder lambs \$13.00-15.00. Good and Choice 78-80# shorn feeders \$12.00-14.00.

Receipts of sheep and lambs in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area at 29,800 were 5 percent over a week earlier and 9 percent over a year ago. Demand was only fair for the expanded volume and for the week, slaughter lambs were \$1.00-1.50 lower, instances \$2.00 off,

most downturn on lambs 110# and heavier. Slaughter ewes were weak to \$1.00 off.

On Friday, Choice with a few Prime 90-100# shorn old crop slaughter lambs with No. 1-2 and fall shorn pelts brought \$13.50-14.00 delivered to packing plants with a few high-yielding lambs \$14.50; bulk Choice 100-115# lambs \$12.00-13.50, 115-120# \$11.00-12.00. Good and Choice 90-110# \$12.50-13.50. A limited showing of Choice with few Prime 90-105# woolled old crop slaughter lambs \$14.50-15.25, bulk Choice 105-115# \$13.00-14.75, 115-120# \$12.00-13.00; Good and Choice 90-110# \$13.50-14.50. Cull to Choice shorn slaughter ewes sold at \$2.00-4.00.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND UTAH - Direct trade on slaughter steers and heifers moderately active, prices weak to 50¢ lower, full decline on Good and Choice steers. Country trading on stocker and feeder cattle and calves limited, prices weak to 50¢ off, instances \$1.00 lower; spring lambs mostly steady to 25¢ lower.

Slaughter steers: In California, 46 loads Choice 900-1100# \$24.40-25.00 with only 5 loads exceeding \$24.85; out of California and Arizona feedlots, mostly Choice, balance Good 900-1150# \$23.25-24.25, with Choice 1150-1250# \$23.00-23.75; Good and mixed Good and Choice 850-1200# \$22.00-23.00; Standard to low-Good 750-1150# \$21.00-21.50. In Utah, 14 loads high-Good to average-Choice 1075-1175# \$21.50-22.50.

Slaughter heifers: Out of California and Arizona feedlots, loadlots mostly Choice 775-900# \$23.00-24.00, Good to low-Choice 800-850# \$22.00-22.50. In Utah, mostly Choice 900-950# \$22.00-22.50, Good and low-Choice 875-925# \$21.00-21.50.

Stockers and feeders: 200 Choice 400# calves, steers \$28.00, heifers \$26.00; Good and Choice 375-550# steers \$24.00-26.00, some strings with heifer ends \$23.00-24.50; Good and Choice 600-650# steers \$22.50-23.00, mostly Good 600-700# \$21.50-22.00, 300 Medium and Good 800# \$19.50; Good and Choice 500-625# heifers \$21.00-22.00.

Lambs: In Arizona and California, Choice and Prime 90-104# spring slaughter lambs, mainly \$16.75-17.00, 104-110# generally \$16.00-16.50. Choice and Fancy 70-85# spring feeder lambs \$16.75-17.00. Near 1,000 mostly Choice 120# old crop slaughter lambs with No. 1 pelts \$14.50.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN KANSAS AND WESTERN NEBRASKA - Trading on slaughter cattle direct at the feedlots was active, slaughter steers sold steady to 25¢

lower, slaughter heifers sold steady early but late sales fully 25¢ lower. In Colorado, 63 loads average and high-Choice 1100-1250# slaughter steers \$24.00-24.25; 144 loads low and average-Choice 1025-1275# \$23.25-24.00; 15 loads high-Good and Choice 1100-1200# \$23.00-23.25. Twenty-two loads mostly average Choice 815-1025# slaughter heifers sold early in the week at \$23.75-24.00, with same grades and weights selling late at \$23.50; 140 loads low and average-Choice 815-1100# \$22.85-23.50. Western Nebraska: 12 loads low and average-Choice 1125# slaughter steers \$23.65. Western Kansas: 5 loads low and average-Choice 1160# slaughter steers \$23.90. Wyoming: 4 loads Choice 1150-1265# slaughter steers \$23.75-24.25 with 7 loads average and high-Choice 1060# slaughter heifers \$22.75-23.50.

Demand good for feeder cattle but only a few direct sales were confirmed at steady prices. Western Kansas: 7 loads Good and Choice 675-850# feeder steers \$22.75-23.75; 3 loads Good and Choice 650# heifers \$23.25-23.60.

Demand poor for old-crop slaughter lambs with sales confirmed on around 14,000 head which sold fully \$1.00-1.50 lower. Colorado: Choice and Prime woolled lambs 108# down \$14.25-15.00, closed \$14.25-14.50. Choice and Prime shorn lambs 102# down \$13.00-13.50. Most woolled slaughter lambs discounted 10¢ per cwt. for each pound over 108# and shorn lambs over 102#. String of around 1,300 Choice shorn breeding ewe lambs \$17.50 per head.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis area - Confirmed sales of slaughter cattle were limited to 86 loads, mostly steers at steady prices, instances 50¢ lower on low-Good. Stockers and feeders very slow, trend unchanged on 1,750 head. Around 1,450 average-Choice 1150-1275# mostly 1250-1275# slaughter steers \$25.00 delivered; 146 Good 1000-1225# \$22.00-23.50, 36 Standard, few Good, 1000# \$21.25; 289 Good and Choice 700# slaughter heifers \$23.00, 73 Good 610# \$22.20. Load Good to mostly Choice 650# feeder steers \$24.00, 1,000 Choice 625-650# feeders for fall delivery \$23.00, 700 Good 600# steers for mid-May \$23.00. Lamb trading limited, prices 50¢ lower on slaughter lambs, steady on feeders. Over 2,000 Choice 100-105# No. 2 to fall shorn slaughter lambs with few yearlings \$11.50-12.00, 3,000 Good and Choice 85-90# No. 1 and 2 pelt feeders \$10.50-11.00, 500 Fancy 75-80# spring feeders \$14.00.

Amarillo Area - Slaughter cattle moderately active, steady to 50¢ lower; stockers and feeders slow, little changed. About 165 Good and Choice 1200-1295# slaughter steers \$22.50, 100 Good 950-1100# \$22.25, 110 Standard 850# \$19.50; 200 Good to mostly Choice 815-950# slaughter heifers \$23.00-23.50, 60 Good 960# \$21.00, 175 Standard and Good 680-690# \$22.00; 50 Cutter and Utility cows \$15.50, 80 Canner and Cutter \$14.25. Around 280 Good and

Choice 680-690# feeder steers \$23.50-24.50, 440 Medium and Good 700-750# \$22.25-22.65, 1,110 Medium and Good 575-650# for May delivery \$21.50-23.00; 450 mostly Choice 600-625# heifers June delivery \$22.75, 68 Good and Choice 600-625# heifers for August \$21.00; 250 Good and Choice 400-425# calves, steers \$28.50, Choice heifers \$28.00, 260 Good and Choice 500# heifers \$23.50; 162 Good cows with calves \$195.00-225.00 per pair.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter steers weak to 50¢ lower, bulk 25¢ lower; heifers about steady; stocker and feeder cattle steady to \$1.00 lower; old crop slaughter lambs 50-75¢ higher, spring lambs steady to 50¢ lower.

Slaughter steers: Washington - Good to mostly Choice 1000-1120# \$23.50-24.25, 1150-1225# \$22.50-23.00. Standard 1,100-1,280# \$20.00-20.75. Idaho - Mostly Choice 1000# \$23.00; Good to mostly Choice 1075-1125# \$22.00-22.75.

Slaughter heifers: Washington - Good to mostly Choice 850-950# \$23.00-23.25. Idaho - Choice 950# \$22.50; Good to mostly Choice 925-950# \$21.50-22.00.

Stockers and feeders: Washington - Good and Choice 550-650# steers \$25.00-25.50 with 600-620# heifers \$23.00. Idaho - Good and Choice 900# feeder steers \$21.80-22.00; Good and Choice 550# \$24.25. Washington and Oregon - Good and Choice 400-450# calves \$28.00 on steers, \$26.00 on heifers. Good 3-6-year-old stock cows with calves at side \$232.50-250.00 per pair.

Slaughter lambs: Idaho - Mostly Choice 103# with No. 1, 2 and 3 pelts \$13.50; Choice and Prime 99# spring lambs \$16.60-16.75. Oregon - Mostly Choice with a few Prime 96-100# old crop lambs \$15.00-16.25 delivered; Choice and Prime 96# spring lambs \$18.50, small lot \$19.00.

Wool: Washington - Estimated 15,000 fleeces 1/4-3/8 blood 46.27¢ bagged, f.o.b. Delivery May 4 with around 90 percent now sheared.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WESTERN DAKOTAS - Temperatures below normal throughout area with moderate to liberal precipitation early in the week in most sections. Favorable weather conditions and immediate prospects of good grass resulted in producers holding their livestock for the present. Consequently not enough confirmed sales for a price test.

Wool: Confirmed 420,000# bulk in Montana. Prices fully 2¢ higher grease basis. Northwestern Montana, around 50,000# quarter-blood, very light shrinking 47.6¢; around 230,000# in Montana, mixed fine and half-blood, liberal share half-blood, extremely light shrinking 44.0-45.6¢; balance of sales mixed fine and half-blood moderate to light shrinking, 40.0-43.4¢.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

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Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Apr. 29	Apr. 30	Apr. 29	Apr. 30	Apr. 29	Apr. 30	Apr. 29	Apr. 30
	: 1961	: 1960	: 1961	: 1960	: 1961	: 1960	: 1961	: 1960
Chicago	33,306	36,678	257	276	39,583	38,907	4,874	5,163
Cincinnati	3,077	3,710	746	788	9,537	12,840	586	373
Denver	12,497	11,471	1,044	336	4,928	6,424	11,482	19,140
Fort Worth	9,915	8,598	973	1,225	2,555	3,762	38,741	29,400
Indianapolis ...	7,000	7,049	590	562	32,787	38,810	1,340	643
Kansas City	23,064	20,717	563	1,039	20,842	19,202	11,106	6,973
Oklahoma City ..	8,738	7,081	588	823	4,146	4,475	2,328	3,632
Omaha	39,637	35,231	237	675	48,109	45,183	14,711	11,938
St. Joseph	16,585	16,083	463	843	34,005	29,061	9,937	5,937
St. Louis NSY ..	16,983	14,872	1,477	1,673	67,990	69,861	3,303	2,060
Sioux City	28,311	27,054	906	293	45,282	45,106	6,500	6,002
S. St. Paul	22,628	21,593	5,324	6,141	44,523	45,223	6,781	6,490
Total	221,741	210,137	13,168	14,674	354,287	358,854	111,689	97,751
Apr. 22, 1961 .	207,296		10,299		302,284		102,182	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA -	Apr. 29, 1961	Apr. 22, 1961	Apr. 30, 1960
Hogs	332,000	338,000	326,000
Sheep	29,800	28,400	27,400

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended		Month		Three months	
	Apr. 27	Apr. 20	Apr. 28	Mar. 1	Mar. 1	Jan. 1
	: 1961	: 1961	: 1960	: 1961	: 1960	: 1961
Steers - 1001# up	573	764	936	2,801	3,135	10,207
901-1000	2,635	2,014	2,543	8,444	10,979	26,155
801-900	3,585	3,295	2,785	11,836	14,886	41,523
701-800	6,063	3,426	5,054	15,660	15,160	47,031
501-700	13,569	10,670	12,555	53,689	40,885	136,770
Total steers 10 markets ...	26,425	20,169	23,873	92,430	85,045	261,686
Av. wts. " " " ...	710#	718#	717#	697#	730#	715#
Av. cost* " " " ...	\$23.50	\$23.95	\$25.02	\$24.09	\$24.90	\$24.24
" " " Chicago	22.76	22.98	23.12	22.95	25.01	23.17
" " " Kansas City ..	24.09	24.18	25.16	24.50	25.14	24.19
" " " Omaha	23.54	23.53	25.40	23.70	24.27	24.23
" " " S. St. Paul ..	21.14	22.85	23.74	21.63	24.63	21.89
" " " Sioux City ...	25.04	25.18	26.56	25.58	25.99	25.85
" " " Denver	25.03	23.27	24.34	24.77	25.14	25.18
" " " Ft. Worth	23.26	22.19	23.46	23.22	24.44	23.43
" " " Oklahoma City.	22.12	22.89	23.77	23.53	23.91	23.39
" " " S. St. Joseph.	23.89	25.08	24.80	24.38	24.51	23.87
" " " St. Louis NSY.	22.42	23.34	24.33	23.06	24.51	23.00
Total calves - 10 markets .	8,086	5,617	11,274	34,324	28,342	134,649
" heifers " "	3,823	2,932	4,727	13,179	13,078	37,540
" cows " "	768	593	511	2,280	3,517	9,248

*Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chi- cago	Kan- sas	Omaha	St. Joseph	St. Louis	Sioux City	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	Den- ver	Ft. Worth	Okl- ahoma City	Wich- ita	San Antonio
Stockers and feeders													
Apr. 28, 1961	2	45	10	17	12	19	6	12	20*	55	62	49	70
Apr. 21, 1961	2	47	10	11	8	21	6	12	8	55	55	44	50
Apr. 29, 1960	2	49	21	17	6	28	5	8	12	70	70	53	45
Slaughter cows													
Apr. 28, 1961	5	8	8	7	9	5	20	15	10*	15	9	15	10
Apr. 21, 1961	5	7	8	7	9	5	19	12	10	20	10	12	15
Apr. 29, 1960	6	8	10	6	10	6	25	10	15	15	9	19	20

*Estimated.

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Apr. 27 1961	Apr. 28 1960	Apr. 27 1961	Apr. 28 1960	Apr. 27 1961	Apr. 28 1960	Apr. 27 1961	Apr. 28 1960
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	3,202	1,771	12.8	6.7	1,245	1,249	26.46	31.03
Choice.....	15,302	14,487	61.1	54.4	1,186	1,180	24.26	27.55
Good.....	5,149	8,481	20.5	31.9	1,087	1,068	22.66	25.40
Standard.....	853	1,450	3.4	5.4	1,003	999	20.61	22.10
Commercial.....	--	18	--	.1	--	1,493	--	21.43
Utility.....	551	406	2.2	1.5	1,074	1,047	19.28	19.46
All grades.....	25,057	26,613	--	--	1,164	1,137	24.05	26.78
OMAHA								
Prime.....	48	59	.2	.4	1,215	1,224	25.51	28.33
Choice.....	8,130	5,738	39.1	36.9	1,184	1,173	23.55	26.84
Good.....	10,607	8,287	51.1	53.2	1,107	1,079	22.37	24.87
Standard.....	1,897	929	9.1	6.0	1,120	1,083	19.28	21.21
Utility.....	97	547	.5	3.5	979	1,025	17.98	19.63
All grades.....	20,779	15,560	--	--	1,138	1,112	22.56	25.27
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	60	107	.5	1.0	1,282	1,316	25.73	30.32
Choice.....	6,272	4,081	47.5	37.7	1,170	1,173	23.81	26.95
Good.....	5,198	5,903	39.4	54.6	1,122	1,087	22.63	25.23
Standard.....	1,667	646	12.6	6.0	1,097	1,068	29.66	20.75
Utility.....	--	75	--	.7	--	977	--	18.64
All grades.....	13,197	10,812	--	--	1,142	1,120	22.86	25.67
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	3,152	2,209	41.8	38.9	1,156	1,127	23.81	27.02
Good.....	3,453	2,576	45.8	45.3	1,057	1,064	22.85	25.79
Standard.....	887	828	11.8	14.6	1,041	1,025	20.23	21.92
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	43	67	.6	1.2	963	980	17.64	18.48
All grades.....	7,535	5,680	--	--	1,097	1,082	22.96	25.68
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	798	132	11.7	2.2	1,090	1,130	23.91	27.33
Good.....	4,376	3,918	63.9	65.9	1,020	1,036	22.60	25.49
Standard.....	1,413	1,393	20.6	23.4	962	969	20.27	22.47
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	260	507	3.8	8.5	905	924	18.18	19.97
All grades.....	6,847	5,950	--	--	1,012	1,013	22.15	24.43
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	2,633	3,080	34.8	43.8	1,148	1,151	23.66	26.78
Good.....	4,085	3,346	54.1	47.6	1,090	1,068	22.39	24.87
Standard.....	838	543	11.1	7.7	1,072	1,057	19.25	21.12
Utility.....	--	65	--	.9	--	1,013	--	18.64
All grades.....	7,556	7,034	--	--	1,108	1,103	22.51	25.41
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	2,777	2,611	73.7	66.8	1,185	1,177	23.46	26.53
Good.....	906	1,088	24.1	27.8	1,103	1,081	22.20	25.01
Standard.....	65	179	1.7	4.6	989	971	18.88	20.39
Utility.....	19	33	.5	.8	1,006	950	17.84	18.13
All grades.....	3,767	3,911	--	--	1,161	1,139	23.08	25.83

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Apr. 29	Apr. 30	Apr. 29	Apr. 30	Apr. 29	Apr. 30	Apr. 29	Apr. 30
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Boston, New York City Area	11,428	13,087	10,997	10,379	42,098	43,574	36,468	40,261
Baltimore, Philadelphia	8,760	8,882	2,222	1,669	30,134	24,259	3,817	5,087
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls...	19,883	18,441	4,252	4,324	120,067	134,137	10,755	11,008
Chicago Area	13,792	17,696	5,162	5,525	42,771	35,612	5,629	3,905
St. Paul-Wisc. Areas	29,570	28,804	17,454	19,632	102,244	108,745	13,123	9,830
St. Louis Area	11,486	10,758	1,466	1,373	81,878	87,229	4,050	4,226
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area	27,480	20,389	--	--	93,224	94,003	10,929	12,508
Omaha Area	41,618	31,595	158	187	81,803	87,353	16,976	12,860
Kansas City	16,830	12,826	--	--	36,149	39,778	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota	33,735	31,805	8,487	8,249	275,149	266,137	38,271	30,682
Lou'l, Evan'l. Nash'l. Mph's ..	5,728	6,205	2,641	3,056	57,281	72,187	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area ...	9,548	7,266	3,678	2,584	30,227	35,542	--	--
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City ..	19,649	19,420	871	1,413	46,534	45,277	10,058	7,867
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio..	12,819	10,628	4,361	4,127	16,698	20,892	44,269	27,161
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City..	25,149	21,028	140	234	14,477	17,626	45,908	26,329
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas...	28,264	24,576	1,619	1,432	28,786	25,478	46,285	36,398
Portland, Seattle, Spokane	8,277	7,511	257	252	15,768	14,917	5,336	5,041
Total	324,016		63,765		1,115,288		291,874	
		290,917		64,436		1,152,746		233,163
Accumulation to date	5,059,637		1,093,106		18,983,398		4,502,878	
		4,950,571		1,168,837		20,871,058		4,051,308

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total meat	Total lard
	Num- ber	Prod.	Num- ber	Prod.	Num- ber	Prod.	Num- ber	Prod.	prod.	prod.
	1,000	mil. lb.	1,000	mil. lb.	1,000	mil. lb.	1,000	mil. lb.	mil. lb.	mil. lb.
Apr. 29, 1961	385	230.2	97	11.6	1,290	181.8	310	15.2	438.8	--
Apr. 22, 1961	380	228.4	93	11.0	1,270	179.7	305	14.9	434.0	--
Apr. 8, 1961 1/.....	347	--	93	--	1,178	--	306	--	--	38.7
Apr. 30, 1960 1/.....	350	207.6	94	11.5	1,332	184.0	252	12.3	415.4	43.4

Percentage change from:

Apr. 22, 1961	1	1	4	5	2	1	2	2	1	--
Apr. 30, 1960	10	11	3	1	-3	-1	23	24	6	--

Week ended	Average weight (lb.)								Lard yield per 100 lb.
	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs		
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	
	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Apr. 29, 1961	1040	598	215	120	243	141	100	49	--
Apr. 22, 1961	1045	601	210	118	244	142	100	49	--
Apr. 8, 1961	1050	604	200	112	238	139	103	50	--
Apr. 30, 1960	1031	593	212	122	239	138	100	49	13.6

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

See page 347 for revised estimates, by weeks, for March 1961.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.
	29 1961	30 1960	29 1961	30 1960	29 1961	30 1960	29 1961	30 1960	29 1961	30 1960
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>										
Steers -										
Prime 900-1100#	26.38	30.40	--	--	26.00	29.45	--	--	--	--
1100-1300	26.62	31.02	--	--	25.88	29.42	--	--	--	--
Choice 900-1100	24.38	27.92	24.52	27.48	24.38	27.52	23.45	26.52	24.25	27.62
1100-1300	24.25	28.18	24.12	27.45	24.25	27.52	23.45	26.80	23.00	--
Good 900-1100	22.50	24.80	22.62	25.08	22.25	24.38	21.45	23.70	22.50	25.62
Standard - All wts.	20.82	21.88	20.00	21.65	19.50	21.20	19.25	20.25	20.50	23.12
Heifers -										
Choice 700-900#	23.70	26.90	23.88	26.88	24.00	27.00	22.68	25.98	23.50	26.75
Good 600-800	--	--	22.12	24.38	22.00	23.82	20.58	22.88	22.00	25.00
Standard - All wts.	19.88	21.25	19.25	21.00	19.50	20.25	18.45	19.25	19.75	22.50
Cows - All weights -										
Commercial	17.30	17.88	17.38	19.00	17.50	18.00	--	18.75	17.50	--
Utility	16.75	17.25	16.50	16.75	16.62	16.68	16.62	17.50	16.50	17.25
Cutter	16.25	16.35	16.00	15.12	15.62	15.25	15.45	15.75	14.25	14.50
Canner	14.68	14.75	15.00	13.50	14.62	14.25	14.20	14.75	13.00	12.50
Bulls - All weights -										
Commercial	20.25	20.93	18.38	18.00	19.20	18.75	--	--	--	20.50
Utility	20.75	20.38	18.62	17.75	19.10	18.50	19.00	20.00	20.50	21.25
Calves - 500# down -										
Choice	--	--	23.60	25.50	--	--	--	--	--	29.00
Good	--	--	21.20	23.00	--	--	--	--	--	26.50
Standard	--	--	18.60	20.75	--	--	--	--	--	24.00
Vealers - All wts. -										
Choice	30.00	31.50	27.70	27.00	27.50	26.00	--	--	31.50	32.00
Good	27.00	29.00	24.60	24.50	24.75	23.75	--	--	29.50	29.50
Standard	22.00	23.50	20.75	21.50	21.50	21.00	--	--	25.50	26.00
<u>Stocker and feeder cattle and calves</u>										
Steers -										
Choice 500-800#	26.50	28.80	26.70	29.25	26.25	28.55	26.85	28.00	--	26.25
Good 500-800	24.25	25.75	24.20	25.75	24.22	25.38	24.42	25.25	--	24.00
Medium 500-1000	20.75	22.75	20.80	21.75	20.62	21.50	21.25	21.75	--	20.25
Heifers -										
Choice 500-750#	--	--	24.00	26.00	24.25	25.50	24.90	25.75	--	24.75
Med. & Gd. 500-750	--	--	20.75	22.25	20.75	22.00	21.95	22.00	--	20.50
Cows - All wts. -										
Med. & Gd.	--	--	17.25	18.25	15.88	14.75	16.50	--	--	15.75
Calves - 300-500# -										
Steers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	28.35	30.00	29.00	30.50	30.25	30.00	--	28.00
Heifers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	25.50	26.50	26.00	26.75	28.10	28.00	--	26.25

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Interior		St. Louis		Omaha		Indianapolis		St. Joseph		Kansas City		Peoria	
	Iowa and		National													
	Apr. : 29 : 30 : 1961 : 1960 :	Apr. : 29 : 30 : 1961 : 1960 :	Apr. : 29 : 30 : 1961 : 1960 :	Apr. : 29 : 30 : 1961 : 1960 :	Apr. : 29 : 30 : 1961 : 1960 :	Apr. : 29 : 30 : 1961 : 1960 :	Apr. : 29 : 30 : 1961 : 1960 :	Apr. : 29 : 30 : 1961 : 1960 :	Apr. : 29 : 30 : 1961 : 1960 :	Apr. : 29 : 30 : 1961 : 1960 :	Apr. : 29 : 30 : 1961 : 1960 :	Apr. : 29 : 30 : 1961 : 1960 :	Apr. : 29 : 30 : 1961 : 1960 :	Apr. : 29 : 30 : 1961 : 1960 :	Apr. : 29 : 30 : 1961 : 1960 :	Apr. : 29 : 30 : 1961 : 1960 :
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	17.34	16.20	--	17.01	16.27	16.45	16.02	17.46	16.56	16.68	15.98	16.53	--	17.12	16.20	
200-220	17.44	16.55	16.58	--	17.03	16.28	17.05	16.40	17.47	16.58	16.85	16.30	16.67	16.18	17.12	16.22
220-240	17.16	16.37	16.52	--	16.92	16.28	17.05	16.40	17.32	16.38	16.72	16.25	16.63	16.25	16.78	16.02
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	17.02	16.18	16.24	--	16.62	15.95	16.48	15.92	16.91	16.12	16.38	15.75	16.34	15.64	16.85	15.82
220-240	16.92	16.08	16.13	--	16.50	15.87	16.42	15.85	16.82	15.95	16.26	15.75	16.34	15.64	16.60	15.68
240-270	16.52	15.72	15.68	--	16.14	15.55	16.18	15.62	16.52	15.54	16.04	15.47	16.15	15.46	16.20	15.38
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																
180-200	17.12	16.06	15.69	15.25	16.76	16.05	16.08	15.68	17.15	16.27	16.25	15.38	16.44	15.75	17.00	15.95
200-220	17.25	16.32	16.31	15.65	16.76	16.08	16.68	16.02	17.18	16.34	16.45	15.90	16.45	15.94	16.98	16.00
220-240	17.04	16.20	16.22	15.50	16.64	16.00	16.62	16.00	17.08	16.17	16.38	15.94	16.44	15.91	16.62	15.88
240-270	16.64	15.81	15.75	15.16	16.35	15.64	16.25	15.62	16.64	15.84	16.14	15.65	16.16	15.70	16.28	15.52
Sows - U.S.1,2 & 3																
270-330	--	15.27	14.56	15.68	14.22	15.80	14.75	15.85	14.30	15.62	14.55	15.48	14.22	15.32	14.15	
330-400	15.38	13.90	14.88	14.10	15.42	13.88	15.52	14.30	15.62	13.82	15.50	14.30	15.15	14.00	14.90	13.80
400-550	14.65	13.13	14.19	13.32	14.88	13.42	15.05	13.68	15.20	13.28	15.00	13.80	14.88	13.62	14.48	13.32
Classification	South	St. Paul	Sioux City	Sioux Falls	Cincinnati	Fort Worth	Thomasville	Baltimore	North	Portland						
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	17.02	15.75	16.64	15.85	--	17.55	16.26	--	17.25	15.55	18.25	17.67	18.88	18.38		
200-220	17.02	16.30	16.81	16.20	16.66	16.21	17.62	16.47	17.31	--	17.25	15.55	18.25	17.67	18.91	18.38
220-240	17.02	16.30	16.74	16.07	16.66	16.21	17.44	16.14	17.12	--	17.25	15.55	--	18.75	18.00	
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	16.60	15.75	16.37	16.00	16.35	15.92	17.46	16.39	16.97	15.81	16.62	15.05	--	18.25	17.75	
220-240	16.60	15.72	16.37	15.93	16.35	15.90	17.33	16.14	16.91	15.69	16.62	15.05	--	18.25	17.50	
240-270	16.28	15.40	16.24	15.55	16.06	15.52	16.92	15.64	16.66	15.28	16.00	14.50	--	16.44	17.75	16.88
U. S. No. 1,2 & 3																
180-200	16.70	15.48	16.50	15.82	--	17.48	16.26	16.91	--	16.75	15.15	18.00	17.38	--	--	--
200-220	16.70	15.78	16.56	16.10	16.56	16.06	17.48	16.39	16.91	16.00	16.75	15.15	18.12	17.47	--	--
220-240	16.62	15.65	16.54	16.08	16.56	15.98	17.34	16.14	16.78	15.88	16.75	15.15	17.75	17.25	--	--
240-270	16.32	15.32	16.36	15.65	16.18	15.62	16.94	15.64	16.67	15.34	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sows - U.S.1, 2 & 3																
270-330	15.52	14.52	15.78	14.60	--	14.75	15.85	14.02	15.50	13.62	13.12	11.85	15.75	14.12	16.75	15.25
330-400	15.15	14.12	15.50	14.30	15.50	14.45	15.42	13.60	15.33	13.38	12.88	11.35	15.25	14.00	16.00	14.75
400-550	14.90	13.52	14.98	13.72	14.70	13.90	14.85	13.02	15.06	12.75	12.62	10.72	14.12	13.25	14.75	14.00
Feeder pigs - All wts																
Good and Choice	16.25	14.90	16.42	--	--	--	--	12.87	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES ^{1/}

		Chicago	St. Louis Natl. Stock Yards	Kansas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	8- mkts. com- bined
Week ended										
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Apr. 29, 1961	16.70	16.48	16.18	16.42	16.25	16.23	16.34	16.91	16.44
	Apr. 22, 1961	17.23	17.05	16.89	17.10	17.00	16.84	16.90	17.36	17.05
	Apr. 30, 1960	15.93	15.84	15.67	15.74	15.51	15.78	15.55	16.09	15.77
Sows	Apr. 29, 1961	14.68	15.02	15.17	15.18	15.06	15.28	14.98	15.09	15.04
	Apr. 22, 1961	15.49	15.82	16.05	16.08	15.95	15.93	15.65	15.62	15.84
	Apr. 30, 1960	13.18	13.61	13.84	13.79	13.91	14.00	13.70	13.38	13.65
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Apr. 29, 1961	239	230	239	242	247	241	239	232	238
	Apr. 22, 1961	237	229	237	242	246	239	240	230	237
	Apr. 30, 1960	238	222	232	240	244	231	239	230	234
	Apr. 29, 1961	453	416	428	419	425	412	416	455	426
	Apr. 22, 1961	445	417	426	416	430	427	417	456	427
	Apr. 30, 1960	456	401	430	425	415	402	407	441	421
NUMBER OF HEAD										
Barrows and gilts	Apr. 29, 1961	32059	58863	18897	40137	38171	30695	32494	27598	278914
	Apr. 22, 1961	24964	46689	16124	35690	30028	25110	29914	25938	234457
	Apr. 30, 1960	30792	60448	16727	37717	38487	26047	33519	33094	276831
Sows	Apr. 29, 1961	3048	5196	1389	5861	4513	2058	4744	3055	29864
	Apr. 22, 1961	2296	3704	1042	6298	3759	1821	3507	2782	25209
	Apr. 30, 1960	3220	4659	1329	4250	4316	1843	4328	3612	27557
SOWS		Percentage of total								
	Apr. 29, 1961	9	8	7	13	10	6	13	10	10
	Apr. 22, 1961	8	7	6	15	11	7	10	10	10
	Apr. 30, 1960	9	7	7	10	10	7	11	10	9

^{1/} Weighted average.AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG,
COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

Week ended	Hog products ^{1/}	Hog prices ^{2/}	Gross spread or margin ^{3/}
Apr. 29, 1961	\$18.82	\$17.25	\$1.57
Apr. 22, 1961	19.28	17.58	1.70
Apr. 30, 1960	18.28	16.32	1.96

^{1/} Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.^{2/} Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1,2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.^{3/} Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts ^{1/}	Corn ^{2/}	Hog-corn price ratio
	Dollars per 100 pounds	No. 3 yellow Cents per bushel	based on barrows and gilts
Apr. 29, 1961	16.70	113.5	14.7
Apr. 22, 1961	17.23	108.6	15.9
Apr. 30, 1960	15.93	120.2	13.3

^{1/} Weighted average. ^{2/} Simple average.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Trading was active on greasy domestic worsted wools in the Boston market with prices slightly higher. There was good demand for practically all grades. Scoured pulled wools continued scarce and prices firm while noils moved moderately well and scoured shorn wools were slow with prices unchanged.

There was a good turnover in territory States while Texas wools moved readily. Sales in fleece wool States continued as wool was shorn but delays noted due to cold weather.

Reports from Sydney, Australia showed the market very strong with Japan and Eastern Europe dominating while 100 percent clearance was noted in South Africa with France and England the main operators, supported by Germany, Italy and some American buying. At Invercargill, New Zealand, Japan was active as 56s and finer wools advanced about 5 percent while coarser than 56s were par to $2\frac{1}{2}$ percent higher. Further price advances were noted in Montevideo while coarse Buenos Aires carpet wools were stronger compared to last week.

Fleece Wools - Graded 64s good French combing and staple fleece wool sold at \$1.18 while graded 56/58s staple and good French combing moved at \$1.02-1.03 and graded 50/54s staple fleeces brought 98-99¢, clean basis. Country buyers paid 40-45¢ grease basis to growers in various midwest sections.

Territory Wools - Graded 64s good French combing and staple wool sold at \$1.20 while recent sales of graded 60/62s brought \$1.09 and graded 56/58s moved at \$1.06.

RANGE SALES FOLLOW: In Montana, various original bag clips bulk fine and half-blood wools sold from 37.5¢ to 45¢ grease basis. Estimated clean ranged from \$1.00-1.09 delivered East while in Basin area of Wyoming, bulk fine and half-blood wools from 34¢ for heavy shrinking wools and to 45¢ grease basis for light shrinking wools estimated up to \$1.09 clean basis, delivered. Bulk medium grade wools sold in Idaho from 45.38¢-48.14¢ while bulk fine and half-blood with edge of three-eighths sold in Washington from 38.5¢-42¢ grease basis, f.o.b. Valley Oregon ewes wool sold around 40¢ grease basis to grower while two inch and longer lambs wool brought around 36¢ grease basis.

Texas Wools - Fair volume original bag 12 months wool sold in Texas at \$1.18-1.20 clean basis, delivered East while delaine type 12 months brought from \$1.20-1.22 delivered.

Mohair - Moderate weight of adult mohair alone sold at 95¢ to warehouse. There was little demand for kid mohair priced at around \$1.36 $\frac{1}{2}$ warehouse. Trade in the local market was moderately active with a few sales for worsted and woolen consumption.

Foreign Wools - A further price advance was noted in Australia, New Zealand and Montevideo.

Cabled reports at week's end follow with combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond.

Australia	New Zealand
Oil-combed	Oil-combed
61B - \$1.23	86 - \$.98
62B - 1.21	93 - .95
63B - 1.17	834 - .94
77B - 1.22	100 - .91
78B - 1.21	107 - .88
79B - 1.17	114 - .84
80B - 1.15	128 - .82

South Africa	
Oil-combed	Scoured yields
7 - \$1.13	17 - \$1.06
8 - 1.11	22 - 1.04
12 - 1.10	27 - 1.02
47 - 1.11	32 - .98
48 - 1.09	37 - .94
52 - 1.07	
53 - 1.06	

Montevideo Super Skirted Wools: 64s - \$1.03, 60/64s - \$1.00, 60s - 97¢, 60/58s - 95¢, 58/56s - 93¢, 56/50s - 91¢.

Carpet Wools - There were occasional sales of spot off-colored carpet wools. Middle-Eastern yellow wool moved at 60¢ and dark colored wool brought 45¢, clean wool fibers present. Greasy Buenos Aires November second clip wools were offered at 77-78¢, March wools at 72-73¢ and fleeces at 79-80¢, all clean fibers present for shipment. New Zealand carpet fleeces were offered for shipment at 79¢, early shorn wool at 75-76¢, type 701/2 crutchings at 72¢ and yellow off-color crutchings at 69¢, clean fibers present. Cabled reports from the Liverpool sale showed best white and yellow wools fully firm, with limited interest in medium wools and gray wools irregular.

Woolen Wools: Sales follow:

Scoured Pulled Domestic			
56/58s	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	stained	\$.85
56/58s	2-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	gray	.76
56/58s	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	gray	.75

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Apr. 27, 1961 (Furnished by the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange)

May wool tops	- \$1.595
July wool tops	- 1.612
64s grade - 2.55" minimum length	
May wool	- \$1.21
July wool	- 1.25
64s grade - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ave. stretched length	

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

EASTERN SEABOARD - Small volume of Prime steer beef closed steady to strong at New York. Good and Choice sold weak to \$1.50 lower, bulk \$1.00 off; cow beef steady to \$1.00 lower, mostly 50¢-\$1.00 off; lamb weak to \$3.00 lower with downturns of \$2.00 and \$3.00 recorded at most markets. Veal sold steady to \$1.00 lower, but at Philadelphia a steady to \$1.00 higher trend prevailed. Calf prices at New York were fully \$1.00 off; pork loins steady to mostly \$1.00-2.00 lower; spareribs steady to \$2.00 higher; Boston butts weak to \$2.50 off, major portion \$1.00-2.00 lower. Fresh skinned hams declined \$1.00-2.00.

Kosher Choice and Prime steer forequarters at New York were \$1.00 lower; veal and calf \$1.00-3.00 off; lamb steady to \$1.00 lower.

Supplies of Good and Choice steer beef were normal; cow beef small to moderate; lamb, veal, and pork moderate to mostly normal; and calf showing meager at New York. Trading for steer beef was moderately active with hindquarters outselling forequarters in all markets except Washington, where outlet was fair for bulk steer beef, but chucks met poor demand. Cow beef generally moved at a slow pace. Lamb sold slow to fair with buyers mainly aggressive on early sessions when Choice and Prime 35-55# carcasses moved readily, however, lamb 55-70# was very slow. At New York outlet was broad for lamb foresaddles and consequently hindsaddles accumulated and were hard to move in most instances. Demand for veal was generally fair but poor for hindsaddles at New York. Along the Eastern Seaboard trading for pork was mostly moderately active with poorest outlet to chain accounts at New York. Moderate tonnage of steer forequarters at Philadelphia and arm chucks at Washington, along with small to moderate volume of steer forequarters and pork loins at New York were unsold late.

CHICAGO - Steer and heifer beef weak to 50¢ lower, veal unchanged, lamb \$1.00-2.50 lower, pork loins \$1.00-1.50 lower, Boston butts \$1.00-1.50 lower, spareribs 50¢ lower.

Normal supplies of fresh meat were offered during the period. Good and Choice comprised bulk of beef, Prime comparatively small. Old crop lamb predominantly Choice grade, receipts of spring lamb increased.

Carcass beef trade generally slow. Forequarters and equivalent cuts were hard to move, downward trend on ribs and chucks, although some future sales on chucks realized more money. Outlets were adequate for beef rounds and loins but sellers unable to improve prices. Standard to Prime veal sold slow, fair demand boning kind and these were higher. Carcass lamb trade dull, hindsaddles, legs and loins also slow. Best demand this division centered on stews and shoulders, ribs showing improved movement. Fresh pork trade slow, Boston butts lowest since first week in March. Poor clearance effected in all divisions.

PACIFIC COAST - Steer beef sold steady to \$1.00 lower, most decline in the Northwest. Cow beef weak to \$1.00 lower in Los Angeles, mostly steady elsewhere. Calf and veal weak to \$2.00 lower in Los Angeles but elsewhere veal and calf sold steady. Spring lamb weak to \$1.00 lower in California. Old crop lamb advanced \$1.00-2.00 in the Northwest where spring lamb continued scarce. Fresh and smoked pork was steady in San Francisco but steady to \$2.00 lower elsewhere except spareribs steady to \$1.00 higher in Los Angeles.

Supply of Choice steer under 600# moderate to small, other beef moderate to abundant, demand fair and trading continued slow. Spring lamb supply liberal in California, demand generally poor and trading slow. Moderate supply of old crop lamb stimulated trading in the Northwest. Liberal supply of pork with demand for most items rather poor and trading slow. Threatened strike of jobbers and wholesalers in the Northwest a weakening factor as many strived for good clearance on pork.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

MIDWEST CARLOT DRESSED MEAT SUMMARY - Compared with the previous week's close: Steer and heifer beef steady to 50¢ lower; cow beef steady to 50¢ higher; lamb \$1.00-2.00 lower; pork loins and butts \$1.00-1.50 lower; fresh hams steady; pork carcasses 55-65¢ lower.

Supply of all classes normal to slightly above normal and with demand moderate to poor, clearance was only fair.

Following prices f.o.b. plant basis.

Beef: Choice 600-700# steer carcasses closed at \$37.75-39.00, mostly \$38.00-38.50, Choice 700-800# \$37.00-38.00; Good 600-700# \$35.75-36.75, high-Good \$37.00-37.25, Good 700-800# \$35.50-37.00. Choice 500-700# heifer beef \$37.00-37.50, Good 500-700# \$35.00-36.00. Canner, Cutter and Utility cow beef \$31.00-32.50, few carlots \$33.00.

Lamb: Choice including some Prime 45-55# carcasses mostly \$31.50-33.50.

Pork loins 8-12# \$38.00-39.50; fresh hams 12-14# \$36.00-37.00, 14-16# \$35.00-36.00; butts 4-8# \$31.00-32.50. U.S. 1-3 135-155# pork carcasses \$23.60-24.50, 155-175# \$23.45-24.25.

Based on reports from major slaughtering centers--Omaha, Kansas City, Sioux City, Sioux Falls, St. Paul, St. Joseph, St. Louis and the Interior Iowa and So. Minnesota area.

CARLOT SUMMARY - Chicago, Denver, New York and Philadelphia. Steer beef closed steady to \$1.00 lower, heifer steady to 50¢ lower. Cow beef mostly steady, instances 50¢ higher at Chicago and some at Denver 25¢ lower. Lamb declined \$1.00-3.00. Pork loins \$1.00-2.50 lower. Supplies were mostly normal and trading generally slow on all sessions.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Apr.29	Apr.30	Apr.29	Apr.30	Apr.29	Apr.30	Apr.29	Apr.30
		1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	44.75	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	43.05	47.00	40.88	45.63	40.75	45.00	39.62	45.25
	700-800	41.55	46.00	39.94	44.06	39.50	43.50	37.94	43.50
Good	500-600	40.30	43.75	38.88	43.00	40.50	43.50	38.94	43.25
	600-700	40.55	44.00	38.88	43.00	39.00	42.50	38.00	41.50
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	40.12	44.50	39.50	44.50	39.38	44.75
	600-700	--	--	39.62	44.50	--	43.00	38.00	43.50
Good	500-600	--	--	37.75	41.13	--	--	38.19	42.50
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	61.00	57.00	59.00	55.00	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	51.00	48.40	52.00	49.50	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	45.50	44.30	47.50	45.00	52.00	52.00	--	--
Spring lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	41.40	--	36.06*	46.50*	38.50	45.00	38.62	45.62
Choice	45-55	41.40	--	36.06*	46.50*	38.50	45.00	38.62	45.62
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	45.40	42.40	41.12	39.75	46.00	46.00	42.88	42.00
Butts	4-8	37.00	33.80	34.19	29.60	42.50	39.00	40.38	36.50
Spareribs	3# down	41.20	41.50	37.12	39.75	47.50	47.00	42.00	43.25
Cured pork -									
Hams, smk. skd. - (Cook before eating)	12-16#	45.00	48.00	44.00	50.75	46.50	50.50	43.00	49.38
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		48.00	44.50	52.75	54.50	54.50	51.00	53.00	50.50
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)	4-8#	36.00	30.50	37.50	34.50	35.50	32.00	34.38	32.00
Lard, 1# carton		17.25	12.75	16.75	13.13	18.00	16.50	17.88	14.88

*Old crop lamb.

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED APR. 28, 1961

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer Beef -						
Choice	600-700#	38.50-39.00	37.00-37.50	38.00-38.50	40.50-41.50	40.50-41.00
	700-800	38.00-38.50	36.50-37.00	37.00-37.50	39.50-40.50	39.00-40.00
	800-900	37.00-37.50	36.00-36.50	36.25-36.75	39.00-39.50	38.50-39.00
Good	500-600	36.50-37.50	33.00-36.50	--	38.50-40.00	--
	600-700	36.50-37.50	33.00-36.00	36.25-37.25	37.50-39.50	37.50-39.50
	700-800	36.00-37.00	--	36.00-36.25	38.50-39.50	37.00-39.00
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	37.75-38.00	37.00-38.50	37.00-37.25	--	--
	600-700	37.75-38.00	36.50-37.00	37.00-37.25	--	40.00-40.50
Good	500-600	36.00-36.50	35.00-36.50	35.00-35.50	--	--
	600-700	36.00-36.50	34.50-35.00	35.00-35.50	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		31.00-32.25	30.50-32.25	30.50-31.50	--	32.50-33.50
Canner and Cutter		31.75-32.50	--	31.00-31.50	--	32.50-33.00
Lamb -						
Prime	35-45#	--	33.50-34.00	--	37.00-39.00	--
	45-55	--	31.00-33.00	32.25-32.75	33.00-35.50	34.00-35.00
	55-65	--	28.00-30.50	29.75-31.25	30.00-32.00	30.00-32.00
Choice	35-45	35.00	33.50-34.00	--	37.00-39.00	--
	45-55	31.00-33.00	31.00-33.00	32.25-32.75	33.00-35.50	34.00-35.00
	55-65	28.00-30.00	28.00-30.50	29.75 31.25	30.00-32.00	30.00-32.00
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	39.00-40.00	--	39.00-39.50	--	40.00-40.50

CLASSIFICATION OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

	Number (000 omitted)				Percent			
	Mar. 1961	Feb. 1961	Jan.-Mar. 1961	Mar. 1960	Mar. 1961	Feb. 1961	Jan.-Mar. 1961	Mar. 1960
Cattle:								
Steers	901	788	2,558	908	55.4	54.9	54.5	57.6
Heifers	389	336	1,095	325	23.9	23.4	23.3	20.6
Cows	314	294	980	325	19.3	20.5	20.9	20.6
Bulls and Stags	23	17	61	19	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.2
Total 2/.....	1,627	1,435	4,694	1,577	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Canners and Cutters 3/.....	153	152	478	147	9.4	10.6	10.2	9.3
Hogs:								
Sows	306	264	914	330	5.0	5.2	5.4	5.4
Barrows and Gilts	5,780	4,793	15,933	5,755	94.6	94.4	94.1	94.1
Stags and Boars	24	20	85	31	.4	.4	.5	.5
Total 2/.....	6,110	5,077	16,932	6,116	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep and Lambs:								
Lambs and Yearlings	1,282	1,087	3,634	1,056	97.8	97.3	97.5	97.1
Sheep	29	30	94	32	2.2	2.7	2.5	2.9
Total 2/.....	1,311	1,117	3,728	1,088	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

1/ Based on reports from packers. 2/ Totals based on rounded numbers.

3/ Included in cattle classification.

CLASSIFICATION OF BARROW AND GILT SLAUGHTER
AS REPORTED BY COOPERATING PACKERS

Month	Hogs	Barrows and Gilts reported separately	
	slaughtered under	Firms	Head
	Federal inspection	reporting:	Barrows
	Number	Number	Number
			Percent
			Percent
Oct. 1960	5,407,000	21	983,000
Nov. 1960	5,707,000	25	1,277,000
Dec. 1960	5,753,000	28	1,221,000
Jan. 1961	5,744,000	28	1,234,000
Feb. 1961	5,078,000	28	1,419,000
Mar. 1961	6,110,000	28	1,154,000

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION, BY CLASSES, OF CATTLE SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Region	Steers	Heifers	Cows	Bulls and Stags	Canners and Cutters, all classes
	March 1961	March 1960	March 1961	March 1960	March 1961
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
N. Atlantic States	74.4	71.8	1.3	1.1	23.5
S. Atlantic States	52.5	58.5	7.2	8.1	38.1
N. C. States-Eastern	53.3	58.6	17.4	11.2	27.4
N. C. States-N. Western	54.8	54.8	28.2	25.2	15.7
N. C. States-S. Western	63.5	66.6	21.0	14.7	15.0
S. Central States	38.5	48.5	18.1	16.0	41.0
Mountain States	40.0	37.9	46.6	50.8	12.6
Pacific States	68.8	70.9	14.3	15.0	14.7

UNITED STATES FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

	March		January - March		Percentage	
					Mar. 1961 of	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	Mar. 1960	5-yr. Mar. av.
Number slaughtered under Federal inspection: (thousands of head)						
Cattle	1,627	1,577	4,695	4,578	103	111
Calves	457	482	1,268	1,284	95	84
Hogs	6,110	6,116	16,932	18,474	100	108
Sheep & lambs	1,311	1,088	3,728	3,400	120	120
Average live weight: (pounds)						
Cattle	1,055.4	1,049.4	1,055.6	1,056.1	101	103
Calves	198.0	187.0	202.4	195.7	106	104
Hogs	235.5	231.9	237.1	233.4	102	101
Sheep & lambs	104.7	104.9	104.1	103.8	100	101
Average cost to packers: (dollars per 100 pounds)						
Cattle	22.07	23.32	22.30	22.68	95	106
Calves	24.26	25.01	23.92	24.73	97	114
Hogs	17.41	15.37	17.45	13.70	113	108
Sheep & lambs	16.67	21.32	16.90	19.66	78	82
Dressings yields: (per 100 pounds live weight)						
Cattle	57.9	57.5	57.5	57.4	--	--
Calves	56.6	57.6	56.4	57.4	--	--
Hogs 1/.....	76.7	76.9	76.6	76.5	--	--
Sheep & lambs	48.9	48.2	48.9	48.6	--	--
Lard per 100#	13.3	13.9	13.3	13.5	--	--
Lard per animal	31.4	32.1	31.5	31.6	--	--
Average dressed weight: (pounds)						
Cattle	611.1	603.4	607.3	606.6	--	--
Steers 2/.....	668.1	655.6	--	--	--	--
Heifers 2/.....	561.9	549.3	--	--	--	--
Cows 2/.....	516.8	526.0	--	--	--	--
Calves	112.1	107.7	114.1	112.4	--	--
Hogs	180.6	178.3	181.6	178.6	--	--
Sheep & lambs	51.2	50.6	50.9	50.4	--	--
Condemnations: 3/ (number of head)						
Cattle	4,673	4,668	14,325	14,133	--	--
Calves	2,036	2,578	6,291	7,104	--	--
Hogs	11,738	9,939	31,566	29,050	--	--
Sheep & lambs	4,931	4,282	14,535	11,983	--	--
Total dressed weight - Excluding condemned: (thousands of pounds)						
Beef	991,487	948,710	2,842,357	2,768,411	105	117
Veal	50,950	51,604	143,974	143,508	99	88
Pork (carcass wt.).....	1,101,365	1,088,735	3,068,599	3,294,488	101	109
Lamb & mutton	66,856	54,830	188,949	170,841	122	123
Total 4/.....	2,210,658	2,143,880	6,243,879	6,377,249	103	112
Pork, excl. lard	840,157	819,880	2,340,642	2,496,275	102	112
Lard production 5/.....	191,463	196,299	533,188	583,143	98	100
Rendered pork fat	7,566	6,990	21,186	21,272	108	90

1/ Subtract 7.0 to obtain reported packer style average. 2/ Also included with cattle.

3/ Partly estimated. 4/ Totals based on unrounded numbers. 5/ Includes rendered pork fat.

ACTUAL FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND REVISED ESTIMATE OF MEAT PRODUCTION, BY WEEKS, MAR. 1961

Week ended:	Cattle			Calves			Hogs			Sheep and lambs			Total		Lard	
	Num.	Av.	dr.	Num.	Av.	dr.	Num.	Av.	dr.	Num.	Av.	dr.	meat	Yield	per	Prod.
	ber	wt.	1/	ber	wt.	1/	ber	wt.	1/	ber	wt.	1/	prod.	100#		
	1000	lb.	mil.lb.	1000	lb.	mil.lb.	1000	lb.	mil.lb.	1000	lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	lb.	mil.lb.	
Mar. 4	358	612	219.0	96	112	10.8	1366	139	189.4	269	51	13.8	433.0	12.2	39.6	
11	352	615	216.4	95	111	10.5	1325	137	181.1	259	51	13.3	421.3	13.1	40.8	
18	358	606	216.9	107	110	11.8	1380	137	188.6	301	51	15.5	432.8	13.2	42.9	
25	349	609	212.5	101	111	11.2	1290	138	177.6	299	51	15.1	416.4	13.7	41.7	
Apr. 1	354	606	214.5	98	114	11.2	1295	138	178.3	297	50	14.9	418.9	13.8	42.2	

1/ Excludes lard.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, UNITED STATES, MARCH 1961 1/

Month and period	Cattle				Calves			
	Federally	Other	Total	Av. live weight	Federally	Other	Total	Av. live weight
	inspected	com-			inspected	com-		
		mercial				mercial		
	Thousand head			Pounds	Thousand head			Pounds
Mar. 1961	1,627.1	489.3	2,116.4	1,025	456.5	255.7	712.2	208
Mar. 1960	1,576.9	493.5	2,070.4	1,019	481.7	264.1	745.8	197
Jan.-Mar. 1961 2/..	4,694.5	1,399.7	6,094.2	1,026	1,268.3	719.0	1,987.3	213
Jan.-Mar. 1960 2/..	4,578.1	1,395.9	5,974.0	1,026	1,283.9	724.2	2,008.1	206
	Hogs				Sheep and lambs			
Mar. 1961	6,110.1	1,033.6	7,143.7	234	1,310.7	171.6	1,482.3	104
Mar. 1960	6,116.1	1,229.1	7,345.2	230	1,087.9	129.5	1,217.4	104
Jan.-Mar. 1961 2/..	16,932.3	3,028.7	19,961.0	235	3,728.1	446.8	4,174.9	103
Jan.-Mar. 1960 2/..	18,473.5	3,681.3	22,154.8	231	3,400.5	389.9	3,790.4	103

1/ Excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded head and live weight.

COMMERCIAL MEAT AND LARD PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES, MARCH 1961 1/

Month and period	Beef	Veal	Pork 2/	Lamb and mutton	Total meat 2/	Lard 3/
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.
Mar. 1961	1,243	83	979	75	2,380	215
Mar. 1960	1,201	83	981	61	2,326	224
Jan.-Mar. 1961..	3,562	237	2,747	210	6,756	602
Jan.-Mar. 1960..	3,486	235	2,979	189	6,889	666

1/ Excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard and rendered pork fat.

3/ Includes rendered pork fat.

Agricultural Estimates Division.

MEATS AND MEAT PRODUCTS GRADED, OR ACCEPTED AS COMPLYING WITH SPECIFICATIONS--BY THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 1/

Grade	Beef		Veal and calf		Lamb and mutton	
	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
	Thous. pounds		Thous. pounds		Thous. pounds	
Prime	17,754	13,227	80	139	5,361	4,261
Choice	409,857	377,647	2,578	2,742	30,833	18,845
Good	145,612	160,987	9,179	7,748	1,237	781
Standard	18,291	16,383	1,374	1,386	--	--
Commercial	4,382	5,115	--	--	--	--
Utility	4,611	5,313	139	139	26	12
Cutter	709	790	--	--	--	--
Canner	182	104	--	--	--	--
Cull	--	--	1	7	1	--
Total	601,398	579,565	13,351	12,160	37,458	23,899
Bull and stag beef ..	1,126	796				
All other meats and lard.....	17,349	12,902				

1/ Data pertain only to meats offered to the U. S. Department of Agriculture for grading or acceptance.

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS INSPECTED WHEN OFFERED FOR IMPORTATION
(USDA - ARS - Meat Inspection Division)
MARCH 1961

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Country of origin	Fresh meats and edible offal			Cured meats	
	Beef and Veal	Lamb and Mutton	Pork	Beef	Pork
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Argentina	--	--	--	218,399	--
Australia	14,009,847	5,939,892	--	--	--
Brazil	--	--	--	20,000	--
Canada	882,030	1,354	2,952,250	2,652	468,333
Denmark	--	--	--	--	--
Germany	--	--	--	--	6,072
Holland	--	--	--	--	11,863
Ireland	2,702,185	--	--	--	25,400
Mexico	6,984,834	--	16,525	--	--
New Zealand	7,523,014	152,632	8,602	408	--
Paraguay	--	--	--	--	--
Poland	--	--	--	--	--
Uruguay	--	--	--	20,529	--
All others	4,133,127	22,380	--	37,118	10,559
Total - March 1961	36,235,037	6,116,258	2,977,377	299,106	522,227
March 1960	30,461,575	3,660,366	2,513,979	8,092	620,253

Refused or condemned:

March 1961	156,765	2,337	--	6,800	4,953
March 1960	9,740	250	8,960	--	105

Country of origin	Canned meats			Cooked beef	Sausage (Trichina treated)	General miscel- laneous	Total
	Beef	Pork	Miscel- laneous				
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Argentina	3,878,006	18,000	92,644	472,354	--	5,600	4,685,003
Australia	127,260	--	--	--	--	--	20,076,999
Brazil	44,092	--	--	--	--	--	64,092
Canada	3,030	368,214	3,762	--	8,256	639,062	5,328,943
Denmark	--	4,414,356	394,335	--	392,073	--	5,200,764
Germany	675	219,064	1,938	--	18,033	--	245,782
Holland	--	5,539,256	20,352	--	6,773	--	5,578,244
Ireland	--	--	--	--	--	--	2,727,585
Mexico	--	--	--	--	--	--	7,001,359
New Zealand	--	--	--	--	--	--	7,684,656
Paraguay	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Poland	700	1,109,777	151,488	--	--	2,646	1,264,611
Uruguay	320,022	18,000	--	--	--	15,680	374,231
All others	21,648	287,179	114,713	--	65,318	--	4,692,042
Total - March 1961	4,395,433	11,973,846	779,232	472,354	490,453	662,988	64,924,311
March 1960	4,008,722	10,997,002	638,829	825,522	450,166	264,695	54,449,201
Revised: Jan. 1961 1/	4,609,985	11,632,705	1,529,976	1,661,101	785,541	301,081	56,623,242
Refused or condemned:							
March 1961	130,006	13,609	64,177	7,850	277	--	386,774
March 1960	49,371	10,076	2,420	--	--	--	80,922

Note: In addition to the above, imports of horse meat (in pounds) for March 1961 were as follows: Argentina 119,048, Mexico 18,200; March 1960 - Mexico 38,500.

1/ Revised data for Poland for January 1961 are as follows: (in pounds) Canned Pork 2,832,389; Misc'l. canned meats 839,307; Total 3,671,696.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR LIVESTOCK, FEED AND WOOL ^{1/}

Commodity and unit			: Apr.	: Mar.	: Feb.	: Apr.	: Average
			: 15	: 15	: 15	: 15	: Jan. 1947-
			: 1961	: 1961	: 1961	: 1960	: Dec. 1949
Prices received by farmers -							
Hogs	Per cwt.	Dol.	16.90	17.10	17.60	15.50	21.90
All beef cattle	" "	"	20.60	20.90	20.70	21.80*	20.20
Cows	" "	"	15.40	15.30	14.80	15.70	--
Steers and heifers	" "	"	22.70	23.10	23.20	24.30*	--
Calves	" "	"	24.10	24.40	23.90	25.00*	22.60
Sheep	" "	"	5.89	5.96	5.82	6.61*	9.15
Lambs	" "	"	16.10	16.60	16.80	20.00*	21.90
Wool 2/	Per lb.	"	.411	.402	.399	.445	.460
Corn	Per bu.	"	.965	1.01	1.00	1.05	1.64
Oats	" "	"	.581	.593	.602	.680	.852
Barley	" "	"	.847	.847	.859	.844	1.37
Hay, all baled	" ton	"	20.00	20.60	21.20	22.50	22.40
Cottonseed	" "	"	--	44.80	44.70	--	71.60
							Apr. av.
Hog-corn price ratio 3/ -							1950-59
United States	Bushel		17.5	16.9	17.6	14.8	13.7
N. Central States	"		18.1	17.2	18.3	15.3*	14.1
Iowa	"		18.9	18.6	19.0	17.0	--

Index numbers: (Av. Jan. 1910-Dec. 1914 = 100)

All farm products	239	243	244	242	271
Feed grains and hay	145	150	150	158	230
Meat animals	305	309	309	310	334

Prices paid by farmers -

Commodities & services, interest, taxes, and wage rates	302	302	302	302	250
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^{1/} Estimates of Crop Reporting Board.^{2/} Average local market price, excluding incentive payment.^{3/} Bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog, live weight.

*Revised.

EFFECTIVE PARITY PRICES FOR LIVESTOCK, FEED AND WOOL ^{1/}

Commodity and unit			Adjusted	Effective parity prices ^{3/}		
			base	based on data for		
			prices ^{2/}	Apr. 1961	Mar. 1961	Apr. 1960
Hogs	Per cwt.	Dol.	7.08	21.40	21.40	21.60
Beef cattle	" "	"	7.87	23.80	23.80	23.90
Calves	" "	"	8.70	26.30	26.30	26.40
Lambs	" "	"	8.38	25.30	25.30	25.80
Wool	Per lb.	"	^{4/} .249	.752	.752	.749
Corn	" bu.	"	.538	1.62	1.62	1.65
Oats	" "	"	.279	.843	.843	.849
Barley	" "	"	.415	1.25	1.25	1.28
Cottonseed	" ton	"	^{4/} 20.80	62.80	62.80	67.60

^{1/} Parity prices are computed under the provisions of Title III, Subtitle A, Section 301 (a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 as amended by the Agricultural Acts of 1948, 1949, 1954, and 1956.^{2/} Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived from 120-month, January 1951-December 1960 average (including an allowance where appropriate for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations) by dividing by 253 percent (the 120-month average of the Index of Prices Received by Farmers adjusted to include an allowance for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments) unless otherwise noted.^{3/} Effective parity prices as computed currently using base prices in effect and indexes for months indicated. These parity prices are the legally applicable parity prices for the following calendar month.^{4/} Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived from 10 season average prices 1951-60 (including an allowance, where appropriate, for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations).

SHIPMENTS OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SHEEP, MARCH 1961

Stocker and feeder cattle and calves shipped into 8 selected North Central States during March 1961 totaled 402 thousand head, up 30 percent from the 309 thousand head shipped in March last year. Of the total cattle and calves received in these 8 States during the month 149 thousand moved through public stockyards and 253 thousand were received direct. The direct movement was 63 percent of the total this March compared with 56 percent a year earlier. Cattle and calves shipped into these States during January-March 1961 totaled 1,190 thousand head, up 24 percent from the January-March 1960 total.

March shipments of stocker and feeder sheep and lambs into these 8 North Central States amounted to 119 thousand head, compared with 159 thousand head during March last year--a 25 percent decrease. Of the total received during March, 51 thousand came through public markets and 68 thousand were received direct. A total of 424 thousand head of stocker and feeder sheep and lambs were shipped into these 8 States during January-March 1961, down 12 percent from the total for January-March 1960.

Stocker and Feeder Cattle and Sheep Received in Selected North Central States
March 1960 and 1961 1/

Cattle and Calves

State	Public stock		Direct				Total	
	yards							
	March		March		March		Jan.-March	
	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961
Ohio.....	3,431	4,540	3,025	1,441	6,456	5,981	19,790	17,618
Indiana.....	7,072	5,011	9,605	13,058	16,677	18,069	60,959	52,667
Illinois.....	20,520	18,275	39,894	41,351	60,414	59,626	168,971	189,748
Michigan.....	2,069	2,403	1,605	1,601	3,674	4,004	11,037	10,842
Minnesota....	14,410	13,318	20,756	21,701	35,166	35,019	130,969	132,892
Iowa.....	59,300	63,405	63,379	86,726	122,679	150,131	377,748	461,199
South Dakota:	9,033	12,197	4,836	13,357	13,869	25,554	38,078	56,647
Nebraska.....	20,181	29,941	29,741	73,999	49,922	103,940	148,990	268,144
Total	136,016		172,841		308,857		956,542	
8 States		149,090		253,234		402,324		1,189,757

Sheep and Lambs

Ohio.....	473	795	762	1,934	1,235	2,729	3,776	10,409
Indiana.....	917	709	780	250	1,697	959	5,500	2,692
Illinois.....	1,064	4,211	12,488	5,933	13,552	10,144	52,808	30,428
Michigan.....	766	550	252	400	1,018	950	5,001	4,708
Minnesota....	13,879	14,899	14,512	9,676	28,391	24,575	96,947	87,674
Iowa.....	16,685	13,974	62,111	28,194	78,796	42,168	208,584	173,953
South Dakota:	1,916	4,854	10,903	9,529	12,819	14,383	40,214	61,071
Nebraska.....	9,075	10,603	12,307	12,289	21,382	22,892	66,602	53,337
Total	44,775		114,115		158,890		479,432	
8 States		50,595		68,205		118,800		424,272

1/ Data in this report are obtained from offices of State Veterinarians. Under "Public Stockyards" are included stockers and feeders which were bought at stockyards. Under "Direct" are included stockers and feeders from points other than public stockyards, some of which are inspected at public stockyards while stopping for feed, water, and rest en route.

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SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Portland
SIAUGHTER LAMBS: (Spring) - All wts.							
Prime Apr. 29, 1961	--	--	18.00	--	16.75	--	--
Apr. 30, 1960	22.22*	21.95*	24.25	23.25	24.15	22.75	--
Choice Apr. 29, 1961	16.25*	14.72*	17.05	16.25	16.25	--	--
Apr. 30, 1960	21.48*	21.08*	23.50	22.75	21.15*	22.00	23.00
Good Apr. 29, 1961	15.28*	13.78*	15.80	15.00	--	--	--
Apr. 30, 1960	20.35*	19.95*	--	22.00	20.18*	20.75	22.25
SIAUGHTER LAMBS: (Shorn) - 105 lb. down							
Prime Apr. 29, 1961	15.52	--	--	--	--	--	15.75
Apr. 30, 1960	21.18	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice Apr. 29, 1961	15.18	14.10	14.75	12.50	13.80	--	15.50
Apr. 30, 1960	20.10	--	--	19.45	20.40	--	18.31
Good Apr. 29, 1961	14.38	13.20	13.25	11.45	12.88	--	14.00
Apr. 30, 1960	19.22	--	--	18.65	--	--	17.75
EWES: (Shorn) - All wts.							
Good & Apr. 29, 1961	5.92	4.85	3.70	--	5.48	--	5.00
Choice Apr. 30, 1960	6.20*	4.75	5.30*	--	6.18	6.25*	5.50
Cull & Apr. 29, 1961	5.20	3.50	3.05	4.98	4.05	--	3.25
Utility Apr. 30, 1960	4.85*	3.50	3.90*	5.30	4.42	4.25*	3.75
FEEDER LAMBS: - All wts.							
Good & Apr. 29, 1961	--	14.75	--	10.95	13.58	--	--
Choice Apr. 30, 1960	--	21.30	--	18.40	19.88	--	15.75

*Woolled basis.